



Arkansas: Little temperature change tonight except warmer in extreme south and cooler in northwest portion tonight.

# Levees Break at Ft. Smith

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Stores' Wednesday Half-Holiday

OPA Stirs Up Retailers

This Wednesday marks the first time in the writer's recollection that the business houses of Hope have ever agreed upon a mid-week half-holiday—and congratulations are in order for the store managements of our town.

Hope's business houses will close every Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The move, as urged by this newspaper, is in line with what many Arkansas cities have done every summer season, and to which nearly every town is coming during this year of war and scarcity.

This is an appeal to the thousands of Hope customers who live on farms and in nearby towns to cooperate 100 per cent with the Wednesday half-holiday by doing their shopping Wednesday morning. The reasons for the 1 p.m. Wednesday closing of the stores must be obvious.

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And finally, there is a great deal of work for everybody to do outside their regular occupation. There are Victory Gardens to attend to, Red Cross work, and—for management—the business of catching up with the increased paper-work caused by necessary government restrictions imposed on business during war-time.

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**Senior Class Play to Be Given Friday**

"Miss Ginger," a comedy in three acts will be presented by the Hope High School Senior class at the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday.

Gen. Giovanni Messe was commander of the Italian First Army in Tunisia and had rejected a demand for surrender on Cap Bon. Reports have conflicted as to whether he or Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim were commanding remaining Axis forces in Tunisia.

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## Nazis Vainly Try to Keep Front of Calm

## FDR, Churchill Holding Council of War Today

London, May 12 (AP)—The impending "battle" for Germany, sharply focused by Prime Minister Churchill are holding another council of war today with the trumpets of the Tunisian victory still sounding and the Allies poised to pound the Axis in both Europe and the Pacific.

The commuting British chieftain arrived last night on his third wartime trip to Washington, accompanied by a staff of military and Naval experts.

As he and Mr. Roosevelt sat down to bring the enemy still closer to their "unconditional surrender" demands, the Tunisian success swept offensive strategy to a point where the United Nations high command could start activating plans for the next blow—plans undoubtedly blocked out at previous meetings between the two leaders and now due to be perfected and extended.

In Washington, the problem therefore will probably be how to bring Stalin's De Facto, already rather pale Atlantic charter.

Earlier the German people were told that Adolf Hitler, whose headquarters had long been described as on the eastern front, now is at an unspecified point in the west; that Prof. Albert Speer, Nazi minister of munitions, reported to Hitler yesterday on the construction of "the Atlantic wall"; and that again being absent.

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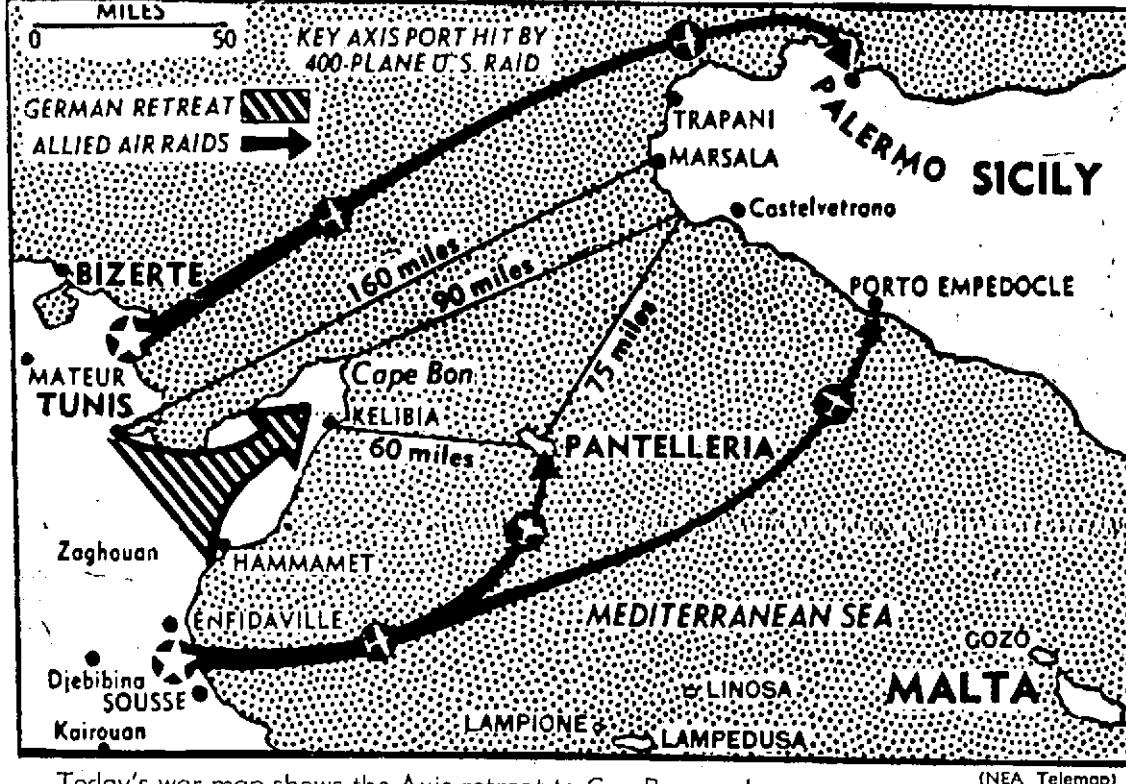
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## Today's War Map



Today's war map shows the Axis retreat to Cap Bon, and Allied air attacks in the Mediterranean area.

## 1,000 Germans on Leningrad Front Killed

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, May 12 (AP)—More than 1,000 German troops have been killed on the Leningrad front in the last 24 hours, Russian dispatches said today, as the entire battle line surged with new activity from that northern sector to the continuing struggle around Novorossiisk, on the Black Sea.

The action before Leningrad, whose 515-day siege was broken in mid-January, appeared in force, only a scouting operation in force, intended to establish a new German sector line and not the beginning of an out-and-out offensive. The German attempts failed after two attacks.

Russian guns opened up after the assault and have pounded and damaged the German positions since, it was said.

The Red Army generally held the initiative everywhere along the line, and the government newspaper Izvestia said editorially, "The war with Hitlerite Germany has entered its decisive phase."

The battle for Novorossiisk apparently had resolved itself into a Russian attempt to pulverize the German positions with air attacks, sustained artillery fire and infantry sorties.

The midnight communiqué said 56 enemy planes were destroyed in the area yesterday against a loss of 11 Soviet planes.

In the lower Kuban valley, apparently northwest of Novorossiisk, a German fortified key position was reported captured and a company of German troops killed in yesterday's fighting. Red Army artillery kept up its heavy firing during the night, the noon communiqué said.

The program for Thursday night's concert is as follows:

America, I Love You—Archie Gottlen (March).

The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise—Lockhart-Beitz (Concert March Militaire). (Baritone solo by Clifford Franks, Jr.).

Anchors Aweigh (The Song of the Navy)—Charles A. Zimmerman. Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna—F. Von Suppe, (Concert Overture).

I'm Getting Sentimental Over You—Irving Berlin, (Trombone Solo by Jack Crank).

From Africa To Harlem—David Bennett, (A Rhapsodic Evolution), (Repeated by popular request).

Over There—Geo. M. Cohan, (March).

Star Spangled Banner.

This will be the last appearance of the band this school year, and this concert is sponsored by the Friday Music Club as a feature of National Music Week. During the season the band has played a number of concerts, appeared at all the local football games, and marched and played in all parades given by local organizations. The band has sent representatives to the South Arkansas Clinic held at Camden, Crossett, and Monticello, and the Hope Band was host to the South Arkansas Band Festival-Clinic held here in April.

Senior members of the band that will play for their last time Thursday night are Ophelia Hamilton, Alto Saxophone, member for 3 years; and Neil Crow, solo clarinet, a member for 6 years.

There will be a regular summer band for a six week period beginning May 24. This will include instruction for advanced and beginning students. This school will be conducted at the band building at the local high school.

The punishment inflicted by the Russian air force on railway centers has been felt so severely by the Germans that they have switched from train to truck transport, and the Soviet fliers switched along with them to begin pounding the roads.

The railroad from Baku, on the Caspian sea, to Moscow now is open and is being used to good effect despite German bombing salvoes at railway stations along the line.

## Arkansas Hits All-Time High, Many Homeless

Fort Smith, May 11 (AP)—The flooded Arkansas river today broke the conduit supplying water to this city and to Camp Chaffee. About 18,000,000 gallons or a six-day supply was in storage, however.

The conduit was suspended under the Fort Smith-Van Buren bridge which had been patrolled ceaselessly against the possibility the zig-zag would break. The bridge floor itself was under from two to three feet of water when the conduit gave way.

With the city ringed with flood waters on three sides, all rail traffic suspended and only one road was open—U. S. 71 to the south. Telephone and telegraph communications remained intact.

Six hundred city blocks of the city itself were under water. About a third of Van Buren's residential section was inundated.

The Weather Bureau said just before noon the rise was continuing slowly, with the crest somewhere between Muskogee, Okla., and Fort Smith. The gauge read 41.7 feet, 3.7 above the previous record set 110 years ago.

Little Rock, May 12 (AP)—The rampaging Arkansas river broke an all-time flood record at Fort Smith last night, burst through at least one levee and possibly others overnight and continued on the rise today.

The White river, which joins the Arkansas in southeast Arkansas, barely eight miles from the Arkansas' mouth, was on a rampage of almost equal proportions.

Although three drownings were reported, they were not due directly to either flood. A baby fell into a tub of rain water near Blytheville, and a six-year-old girl and a Negro boy drowned in swollen drainage ditches near England and Blytheville, respectively.

Fort Smith had a morning reading of 41.3 feet, 3.3 higher than the all-time record established in 1833. However, the pressure at Fort Smith was expected to cease due to the overnight bursting of the nearby Crawford county levee.

The British First Army column in reaching Bou Ficha from the north was within five miles of a junction along the coast with the British Eighth Army coming up from the south.

The British First Army, however, the First Army ran into resistance from a formation of German tanks and a screen of anti-tank guns which temporarily held it up.

East of Azghouan, the French also met resistance after accepting the unconditional surrender of

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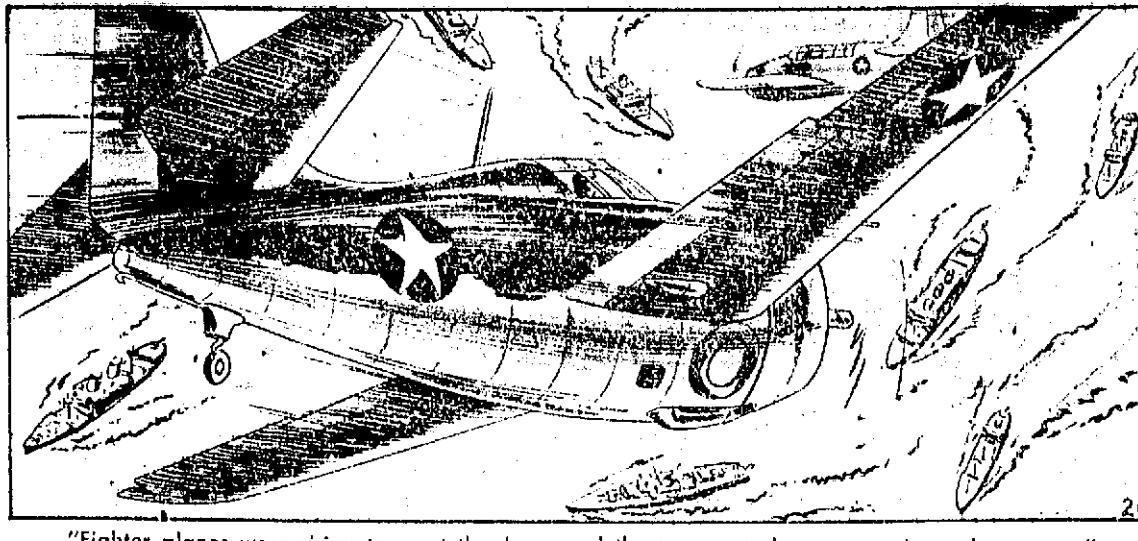
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**Hold Everything****Guadalcanal Diary****Based on the Book-of-the-Month**

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**SIDE GLANCES**

By Galbraith



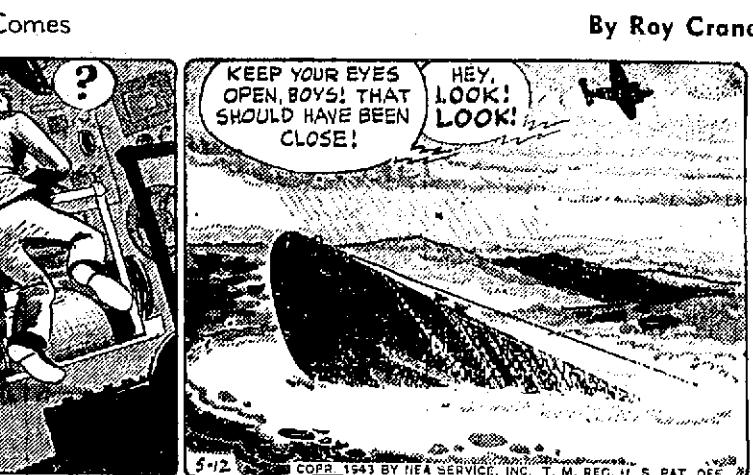
"Jewelry, beauty treatments, hats, handbags, rugs and floor lamps—does this family go around looking for things that are not rationed?"

**FUNNY BUSINESS****OUT OUR WAY**

By J. R. Williams

**OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople****Wash Tubs**

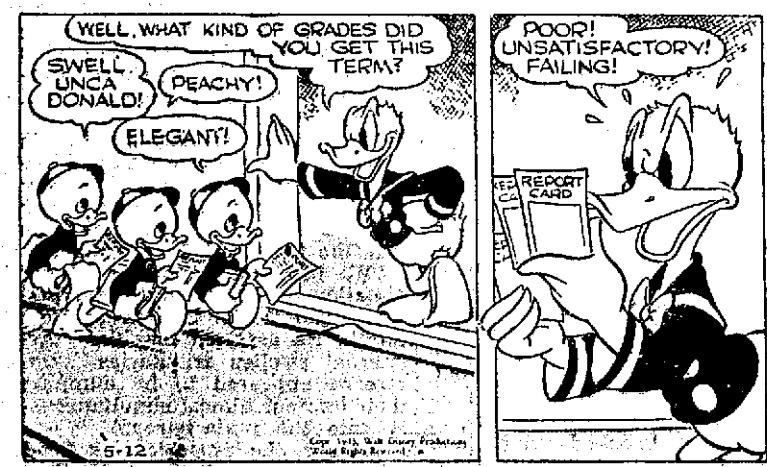
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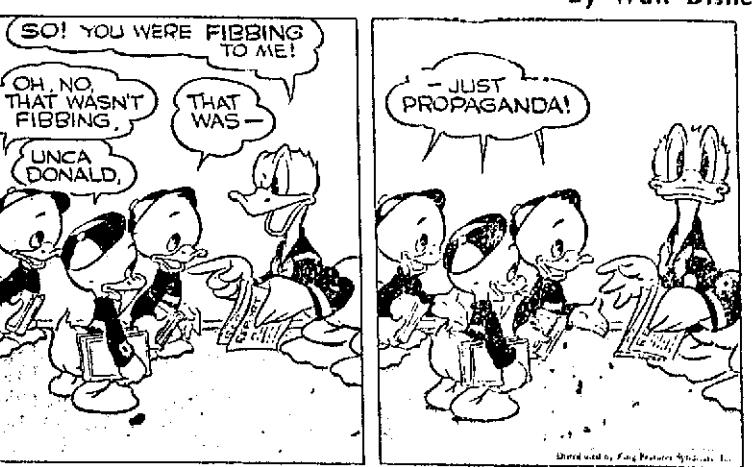
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**Red Rider****What Goes On?**

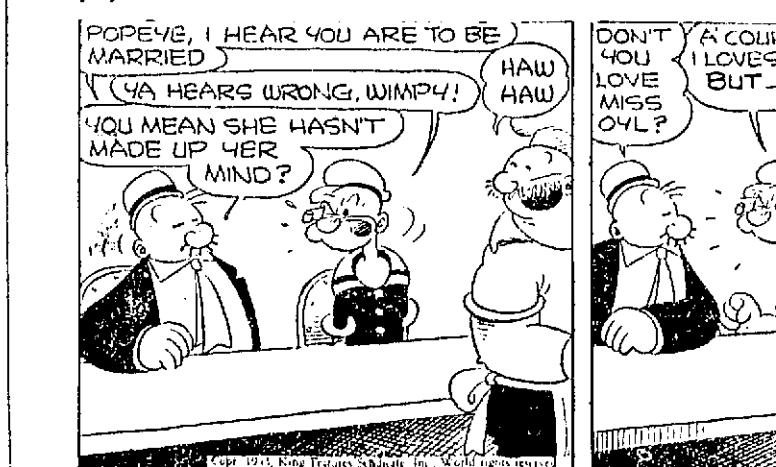
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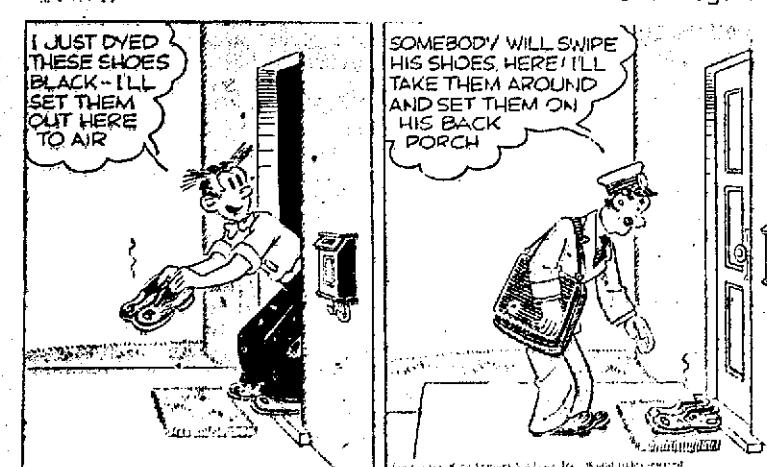
A New Twist!



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**Popeye****"Not a Girl to Sniff At!"**

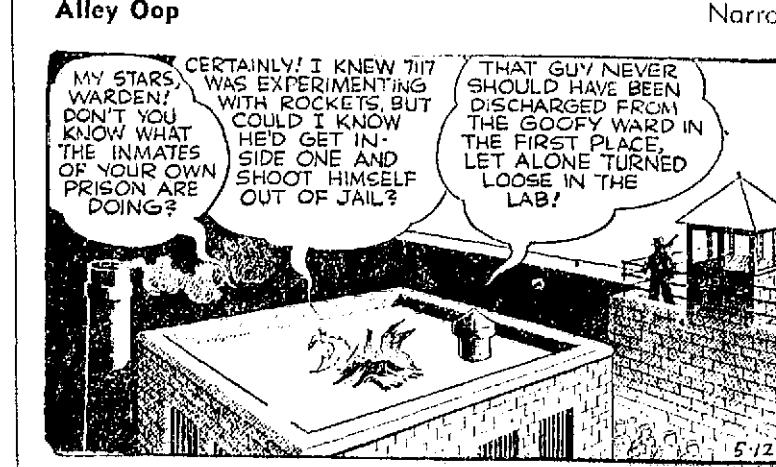
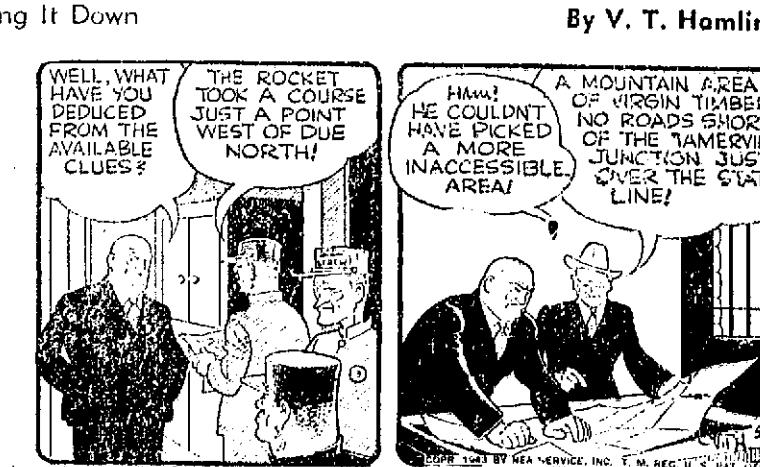
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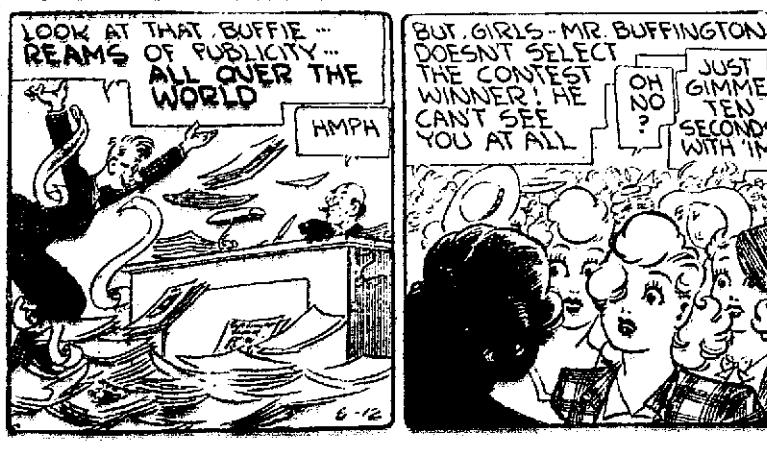
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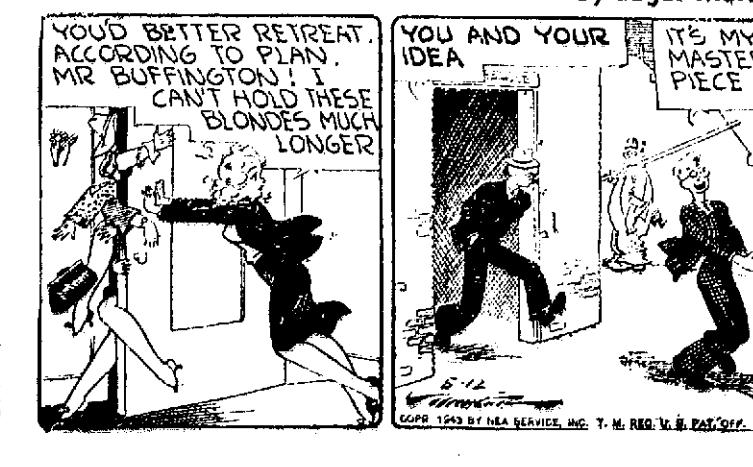
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**Alley Oop****Narrowing It Down**

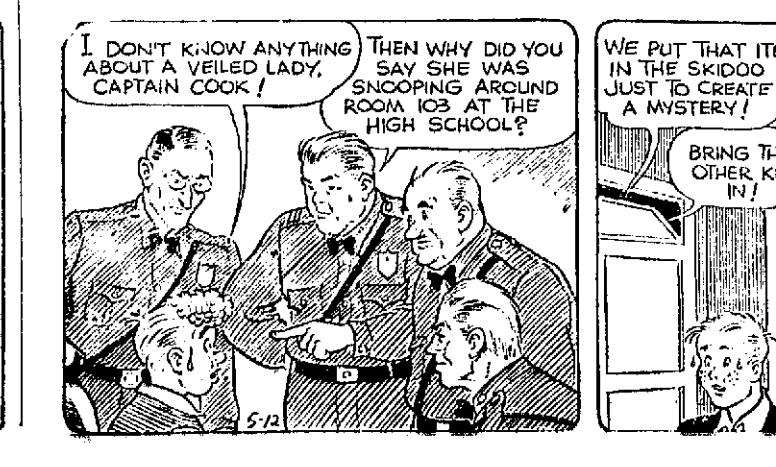
By V. T. Hamlin

**Boots and Her Buddies**

Desperation



By Edgar Martin

**Freckles and His Friends****The Nail on the Head**

By Merrill Blosser

# Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor

Phone 768 Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## Social Calendar

**Wednesday, May 12th**  
The Home Nursing Class will meet for its first lesson Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Community Center on Third Street. Those taking the course are urged to attend.

**Thursday, May 13th**

The John Cain chapter of the DAR will meet at the home of Mrs. O. A. Graves at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Miss Glenn Stockburger of Winslow, Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to the Hope chapter at the Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.

Honoring Miss Glenn Stockburger of Winslow, Mrs. Fred Cook will be hostess at a luncheon at the Hotel Henry, 1 o'clock.

**Friday, May 14th**

The choral club study of the Friday Music club will be presented at the home of Mrs. Garrett Story, 3:30 o'clock. The choral club will not meet for practice.

A victory garden canning school will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the First Methodist church. Miss Mary Claude Fletcher instructing. Women planning to attend are asked to bring vegetables for canning one pint.

**Additional Knitters Are Needed For Red Cross**

Mrs. Arch Moore, knitting chairman of the Red Cross, announced today that Quota No. 5 will be shipped this week to area headquarters in St. Louis. An appeal is made for more knitters for Quota No. 6. Some of the yarn has been given out, but most of it is still in the rooms and must be distributed in order to have garments completed by July 1. Mrs. Moore stated that most of the knitting has been done by the same women and it is hoped that others will assist in completing the present allotment.

Since many women are unable to leave their homes to work in the Production rooms, knitting can be done in the volunteer's home. Special instructions for those who do not knit can be secured by telephoning 420. Beginners are asked to bring one ball of yarn and knitting needles to classes of instruction.

As knitted garments will be needed for the duration, an urgent appeal is made for volunteers.

**Baptist Circle No. Five Presents Church Study**

At a meeting of the Women's Misionary Society of the First Baptist church, Mrs. F. L. Padgett, president, directed the members in making plans for the district conference of Baptist women, which is to be held in Hope June 2. Circle No. 5 was in charge of the afternoon study which was presented by Mrs. David DeFir, introduced by Mrs. Clyde Coffee.

Mrs. Henry Haynes gave the devotional on "Job Witnessing for

**Cemetery Association Elects New Officers**

At a recent meeting of the Cemetery Association the following officers were re-elected for the new year. Mrs. W. G. Allison, president; Mrs. L. W. Young, treasurer; Mrs. Edwin Ward, secretary.

W. M. Tomlin was appointed caretaker, replacing the late W. D. Riddell.

**Coming and Going**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Ched Hall, and Miss Eadie Hall of Shreveport spent Sunday in Conway with James Hanchard and Miss Roslyn Hall, students at Hendrix College.

Mr. John Clyde Hill departed today for Fort Knox, Ky., after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Clyde Hill. For the weekend they were joined by Miss Nancy Hill of the University of Arkansas.

Mr. Walter Keithi departed Wednesday for Ohio points, where he will be the guest of relatives and friends for two weeks.

Mrs. Frank Hutchens has returned from Texarkana, where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Horn.

Captain and Mrs. Boyce Weisenberger and children who are enroute to Camp Wheeler, Ga., from Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Huckabee and children of Baton

## She Produces



## Band Director Speaker at Kiwanis Meet

Music is the only universal language, and it is the only language which is written the same in any nation, stated Tom Lavin at the Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday. Any musical student in any nation can pick up a sheet of music and properly play it.

According to Lavin, music probably originated with the cave men. One might have broken a reed and by blowing through it caused musical notes, and forming the first instruments. The Old Testament mentions the blowing of trumpets, and ancient writings dating before the Bible also mention music.

During the medieval days, wandering minstrels carried songs of battle and valor from one settlement to another. Rulers all kept a large number of musicians on hand for their own entertainment. One of the greatest composers of this period, Wagner, was not recognized for his genius until after his death. Due to his personality, he was one of the most hated men alive at that time.

Modern music developed in America, with McDowell, Stephen Foster, Irving Berlin and George M. Cohan leading the list. John Philip Sousa was probably the greatest of all martial music composers. He died about four years ago.

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Rev. Paul Gaston, Rev. Robt. Moore, and Paul Raley were appointed delegates to the International Kiwanis Convention to be held in Chicago next month.

**Teachers for Negro Schools Are Elected**

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**Deaths Last Night**

By the Associated Press  
Charles L. Borie, Jr.

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**Edward O. Secomb**  
Newton, Mass. — Edward Osgood Secomb, 92, sportsman and pioneer in the oil refining industry, died last night. He was born in Salem, Mass.

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## End in Sight

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a large enemy force in the Zaghouan mountains.

Eighth Army units found a similar situation on their front, but pressed forward gradually, taking some prisoners.

The tactical air force, which devotes its attention to enemy troops, was confined to this one pocket, and a military spokesman said the enemy "has little possibility left of organized resistance in Africa and seems to be accepting that situation."

The enemy elements which surrendered to the French in the Zaghouan area were various remnants, the biggest one being a large part of the Italian super-garrison, which were grouped together in the current battle under German command and given the name of the Pfeifer group.

They were largely entrenched on the Zaghouan massif, highest ridge in Tunisia. After the French isolated them, the German commander asked General Mathenet, commander of the Moroccan division, for unconditional surrender. The German commander became the first to accept such terms from the French since the first World War.

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A 40-foot crest was forecast for today on the White river at Batesville where the stream rose two-tenths of a foot an hour overnight. Flood stage there is 19 feet.

The homeless numbered in the thousands. The Red Cross said 900 evacuees were being cared for at Fort Smith and about 100 at Van Buren. In the Morrilton area about 350 families left their homes. Although bottomland families had to move all along both rivers, apparently this was accomplished quickly for even livestock losses were reported small.

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Now, in the midst of peril, she had a quick instant to reflect. She could see her training at Fort Des Moines was directed toward making her the same kind of a soldier, from the standpoint of self-discipline, single-minded service, and intelligent action. Would her training ever be put to so great a test?

Suddenly the gunner's face lighted. One of the Zeros was gone, and Beth needed only one guess to tell whether its route.

There was one to be accounted for. It had swung away, but now it was coming back—coming in from a hard-to-reach angle.

The nearest gunner tried to get his weapon into position. It would not go quite far enough over. Just then a burst of machine gun bullets rattled against the Fortress.

**THE Fortress** lurched and the gunner fell. Beth thought, at first, that he had been thrown off balance. Then she saw that he did not rise, and she knew that he was a casualty.

The other gunner was too busy to notice what had happened. Beth rose from her seat. First she moved to the side of the stricken gunner. But she had not reached him before she knew that his mission was greater even than one of individual mercy.

She moved straight to the vacant machine gun.

Fearlessness and discipline were revealing the strong grips they had on her American soul. She steadied herself, and then she took hold of the gun grips and became the weapon's master.

Long weeks before she had been introduced to the operation of this gun—more because of the whim of an instructor than because anyone ever expected her to know anything about one.

The Jap fighter was coming back. It was coming back on Beth's side of the Fortress.

**(To Be Continued)**

hundreds were homeless and over wide areas of eastern and southern Oklahoma crops and truck gardens were wiped out by the muddy torrents that raged sometimes 40 feet deep.

Hundreds of lowlands residents still were stranded along the Arkansas, Illinois, South Canadian and Big and Little San Bois rivers, although most of them were in no immediate danger except from exposure.

Dr. G. F. Matthews, state health commissioner, warned disease would be "an inevitable aftermath" of exposure and pollution of water supplies and told health officers to exert every effort to maintain sanitary conditions and to immunize the people.

Maj. Gen. John E. Sloan, Camp Guber commander, ordered the pontoons to undertake the dangerous journey to the Koeta area after state Senator Guy Curry, Sliger, reported 150 persons had been trapped on all sides in the lowlands.

Curry expressed fear in a telephone call to the highway patrol that all or part of the refugees might have been swept away but the Camp Guber men found many perched in the tops of the highest trees and clinging to the roofs of barns and houses.

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Navy men said the safety of these island forts is dependent on the sea and air power which Japan can assign to their protection. But the line which the Japanese have to guard with their ships and planes is long and its vulnerable points are many. The Japanese do not know where the American blows will fall—all the recent air activity against Kiska could serve to obscure a main attack elsewhere.

For his part, Mr. Roosevelt had at hand the top military and naval men of America.

Presidental Secretary Stephen Early said the prime minister and president had a long talk last night and that their meetings would be almost constant, as would those between their staffs.

Mr. Roosevelt was dividing his time today between his offices, where he arranged to keep appointments previously made, and the White House proper where the bulk of his talks with Churchill were to take place.

The expectation was rather that talks based on the situation surrounding the European invasion would be political rather than military, since the problems of the peace come constantly nearer as Allied armies advance. It was recalled the Casablanca conference brought about a working agreement between French generals Giraud and DeGaulle—a political rather than a military necessity.

Informers London observers, on the other hand, said war strategy was the prime purpose of the conference although conceding political problems involved in the invasion plans undoubtedly were being discussed—as well as coordination of Russian and other Allied moves.

In connection with the internal European problems expected to attend an invasion, it was noted that President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia was due to arrive in Washington late today, also for conference with Mr. Roosevelt, Head of the London-harbor government-in-exile of the republic which Hitler dismembered. Benes was expected to present his plans for a postwar federation of central and eastern Europe friendly to Soviet Russia.

Whether he would join the Roosevelt-Churchill discussions was not disclosed. Also on the scene, although not as a member of the official party from England, is Lord Beaverbrook, London publisher and former British cabinet member.

In any case, the background for the discussions is certain to be military, and the pattern of future operations appears to call (1) for a supreme attempt to crack Hitler's "European fortress" wide open this summer and (2) for an offensive against Japan employing the most powerful forces yet thrown into Pacific fighting.

Military experts emphasized that the cleanup of North Africa was a major contribution to projected operations in the Pacific as well as in Europe. Final conquest of Africa's Mediterranean coast line, it was said, will reopen the Mediterranean to United Nations shipping, cutting the distance from American east coast ports to the middle east, southern Russia and India by about 5,000 miles. Despite Axis possession of Sardinia and Sicily, it is believed that Allied airpower—freed of combat responsibilities in Tunisia—can control the skies over those enemy airbases and discourage attacks on shipping.

The time saved on the shorter run equals hundreds of thousands of new tons of shipping space. This applies equally to cruisers and destroyers used in convoy duty and as a result some may be shifted to the Pacific or used to protect North Atlantic convoys.

Reopening the Mediterranean also would permit abundant oil supplies under British control in the middle east to replace American shipments to North Africa. This should relieve the drain on U. S. east coast reserves, ease the demands on tanker space and allow increases, where necessary, in gasoline and oil shipments to England.

Since shipping is the key to United Nations power in any single war theater, experts said the strain of speeding the Pacific campaign will thus be greatly eased.

Informed but unofficial opinion here is that one of the first major Pacific strokes may be an American sea-air drive to throw the Japanese off Kiska and Attu islands at the western tip of the Aleutians.

This would clear the way for air attacks—and possibly Naval raids

—against Japanese bases in the Kuriles Islands north of Japan, and might furnish the jumping-off on Tokyo by new super-bombers. These are understood to be capable of making the 4,000-mile round trip or of flying across Japan to American bases in inland China.

This possibility was underscored by President Roosevelt's expressed conviction at yesterday's press conference that the United States is now producing more planes than all the rest of the world, and his assertion that stress now is being placed on turning out relatively more multiple-engined bombers, long range fighters and cargo planes for offensive action. By comparison of weights, he disclosed estimates that this year's plane output will more than triple 1942's.

While airpower is expected also to show increased punch in the South Pacific, it seems unlikely that early action directly against Japan will originate from China. American forces there are dependent, as far as is known, on supplies flown in from India and the quantity still seems to be relatively small. Not until the Burma road is reopened—probably sometime next fall

# Churchill's Arrival in U. S. Exhibits Allied Cooperation

**Analysis of the News by Mackenzie**

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By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Prime Minister Churchill's arrival in Washington is a further stimulating exhibition of that friendly Allied cooperation and coordination of effort which made the great Tunisian victory possible. It's the Axis debacle in North Africa, of course, which has brought England's great man across the Atlantic again. That has opened the flood-gate of possibilities for direct assault on Hitler's European fortress — or what he hopes is a fortress. It also may ease the way for extension of activities against the Japs.

There has been no indication of what line the Washington conference might take. It would be surprising, however, if the fundamental strategy of knocking out Hitler first should be abandoned in favor of shifting to the orient.

We now have Herr Hitler in serious difficulties as the result of the policy of concentration. We achieved success in Tunisia by hitting the weakened Axis forces ceaselessly and furiously at many points simultaneously. Whether we are in position to apply these methods to the all highest on the continent is something which will be determined at Washington in consultation with Moscow, but it may easily be the conferees will decide that the time to catch a June bug is when he's on his back.

In any event, intensification of operations against the arch gangster wouldn't preclude extension of activities against the Japanese. Allied production has reached huge proportions, and the reclamation of the Mediterranean zone with its invaluable shipping routes has eased the situation so that doubtless more help can be sent to General MacArthur.

This is a far different occasion from the first meeting of these two great figures in August of 1941 when they held their historic Atlantic conference. That was less than two months after Germany struck at Russia with all the power of the mightiest fighting machine ever constructed.

The Germans were swiping all before them, and then Master Hun's hoarse cries of triumph were ringing round the world. Those were days of grim anxiety for the Allies, though never of despair.

Despite the gravity of the situation Messrs Roosevelt and Churchill ruled out a peace with "Nazi tyranny." They offered Stalin maximum help.

What a change now! We get a fair measure of it in the little story of Nazi Major General Willibald Borowitz, commander of the German Fifth Armored division in Tunisia, who wept when he surrendered. Tears squeezed from the Hitlerian brand of Prussian militarism, which has been murdering and pillaging in an effort to enslave the world.

Then from Cap Bon comes word of the Boche soldiers who rode to voluntary imprisonment in an Arab cart drawn by a plume-decked horse — and they cheered wildly as they drove out of the war. Hitler's invincibles!

To this we really must add the remark of the battle begrimed Yankee general who called for "unconditional surrender" — or else — on the American Second Army corps front. Said he:

"We split them in two and kicked Hell out of them."

So Hitler's story of a super-race is just a fairy tale after all. He made a lot of people — including himself — believe it for a long time.

That doesn't mean all the Boche are going to ride gaily to surrender behind a plume-adorned Arab horse. We have heavy and costly fighting ahead of us — perhaps some of the bloodiest work of the entire war, for we shall be attacking a powerful enemy on his own grounds.

Still, we have the Boche nicely sized up now and know that we can do the job.

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